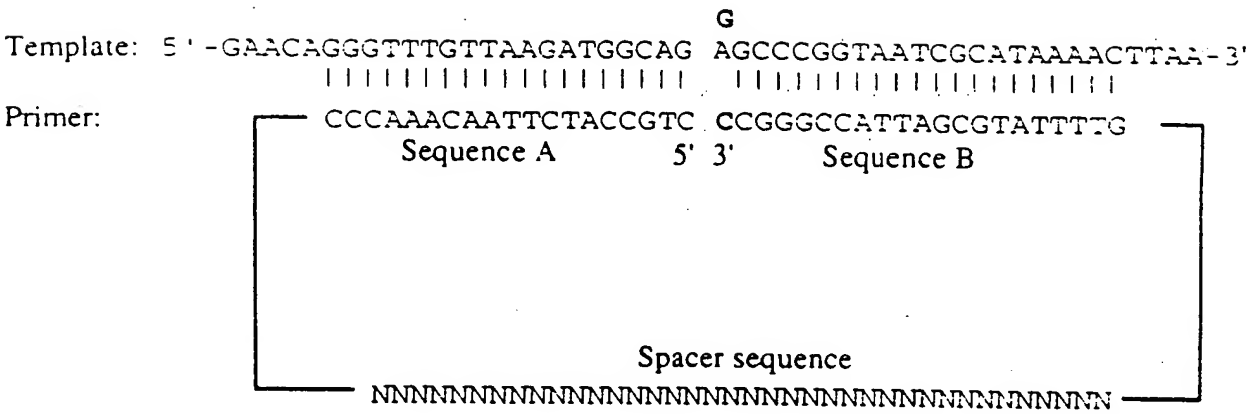
FIGURE 1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Sequence A
5' 3'
Sequence B
Spacer sequence
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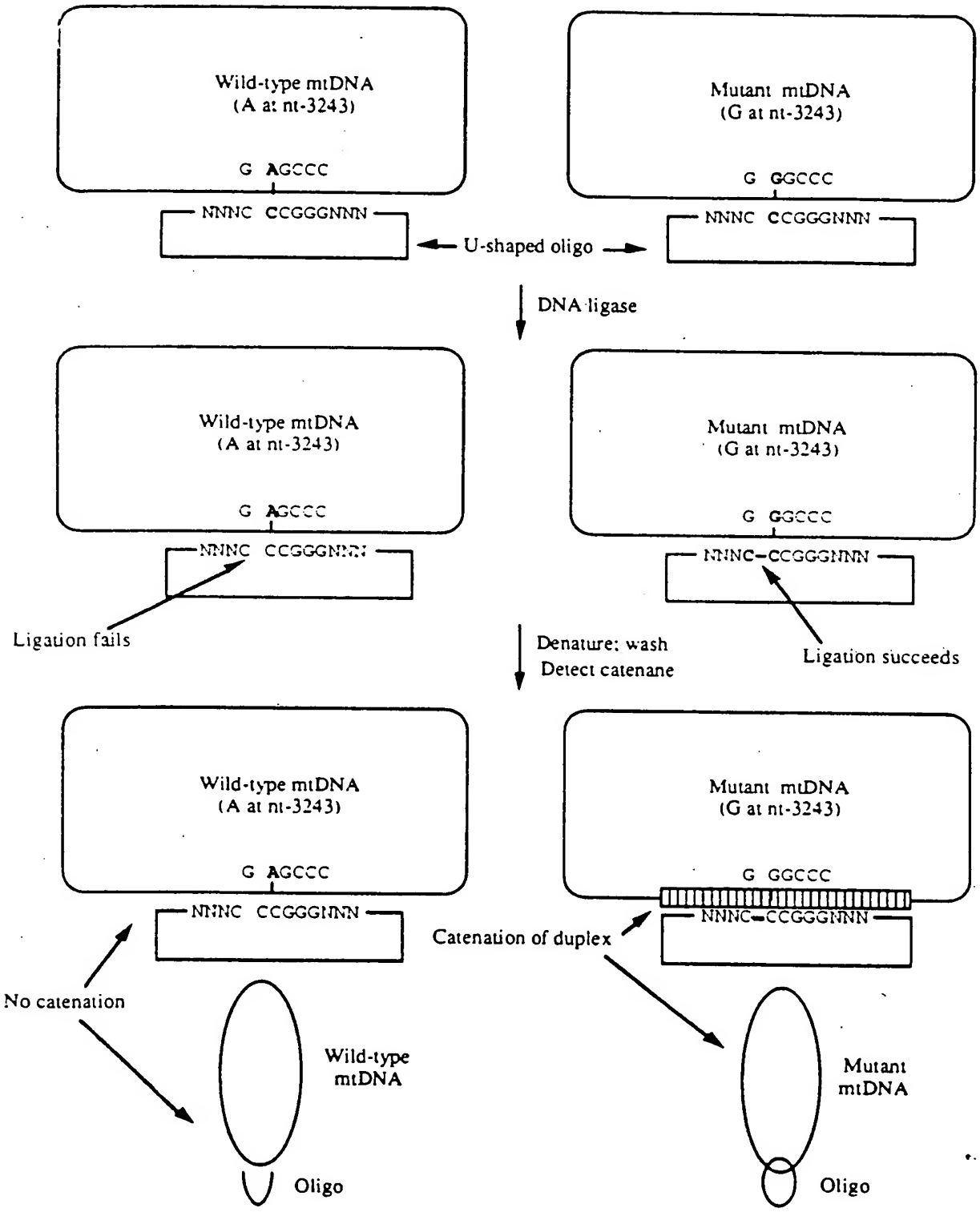
FIGURE 2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(A at nt-3243)
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NNNC CCGGGNNN
Mutant mtDNA
(G at nt-3243)
G GGCCC
NNNC CCGGGNNN
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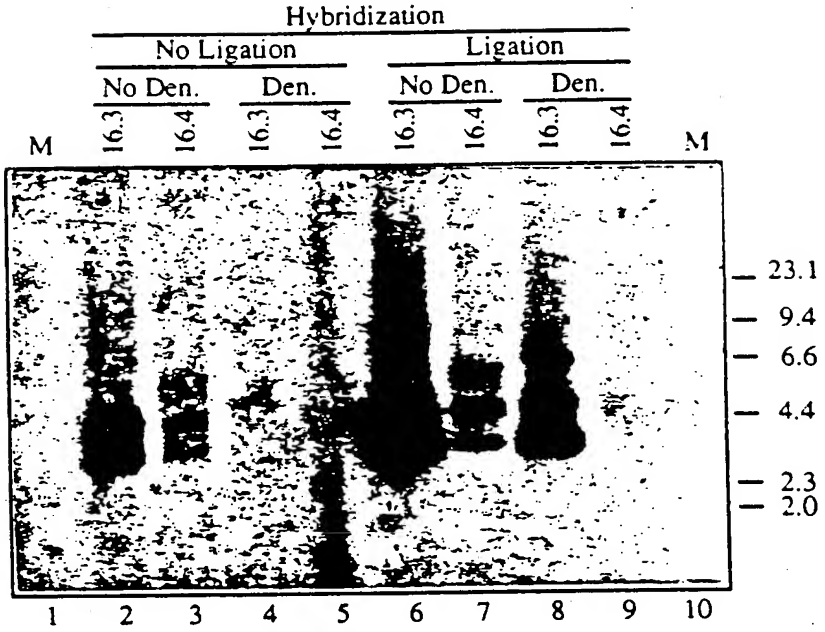
DNA ligase
Wild-type mtDNA
(A at nt-3243)
G AGCCC
NNNC CCGGGNNN
Ligation fails
Mutant mtDNA
(G at nt-3243)
G GGCCC
NNNC-CCGGGNNN
Ligation succeeds
Denature; wash
Detect catenane
Wild-type mtDNA
(A at nt-3243)
G AGCCC
NNNC CCGGGNNN
No catenation
Wild-type
mtDNA
Oligo
Mutant mtDNA
(G at nt-3243)
G GGCCC
NNNC-CCGGGNNN
Catenation of duplex
Mutant
mtDNA
Oligo

FIGURE 3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